

MANISTIQUE SITE UPDATE

U.S. EPA Continues Dredging Activities at the
Manistique River and Harbor Site



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INTRODUCTION

Since 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been cleaning up areas of the Manistique River and Harbor (Manistique) site that contain levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in excess of 10 parts per million (ppm). EPA has kept local residents informed of ongoing and planned site activities through various fact sheets and meetings. Most recently, in February 1998, EPA mailed an update to the Manistique site community to inform local residents of the dredging activities completed in 1997 and planned for 1998.

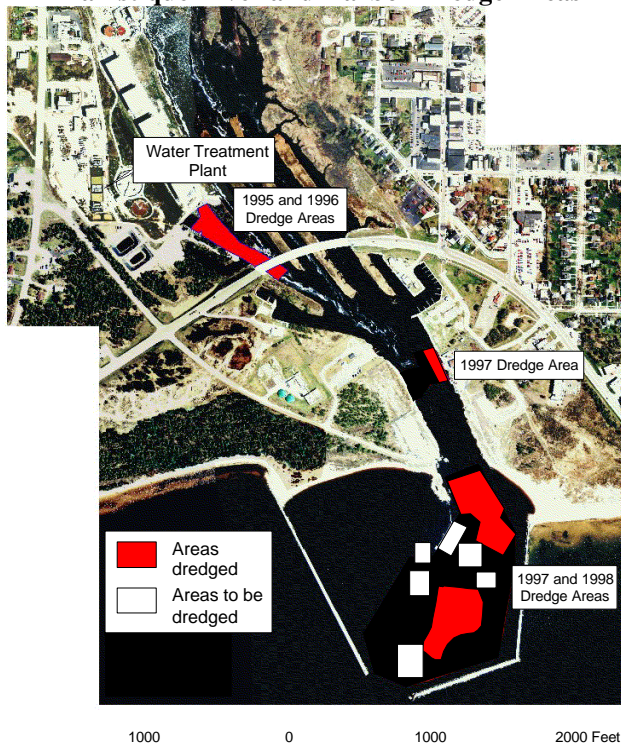
This fact sheet provides additional information on 1998 dredging activities and sources for other site-related information.



Photo by Cheryl Allen

(Photograph shows work barge docked at pumping station)

Manistique River and Harbor Dredge Areas



DREDGING ACTIVITIES TO BE COMPLETED BY FALL 1998

In May 1998, EPA resumed dredging activities in the river and harbor. To date, about 24,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment has been dredged from the area, and about 9,400 tons of waste have been shipped off site for disposal. The figure to the left shows the areas dredged to date as well as areas yet to be dredged.

Activities completed between May and July 1998 included (1) dredging contaminated sediment from the river and harbor, (2) treating dredged water, (3) sampling dredged sediment to determine appropriate disposal options, and (4) conducting confirmation sampling to determine if contaminants are being removed effectively (areas found to contain PCB concentrations that exceed 10 ppm may be redredged).

Dredging activities will end by Fall 1998. EPA will meet this schedule, in part, because of cooperation from Manistique Paper Inc., Edison Soule Electric Company, and the community.



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ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

The public is encouraged to visit the site information repositories listed below to review additional site-specific information, as well as general information about Superfund and other EPA programs.

Manistique Middle and High School
Public Library
100 North Cedar, Room 31
Manistique, Michigan

Schoolcraft County Courthouse
County Clerk's Office
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, Michigan

General information about EPA programs and region-specific activities is also available through EPA's Internet Home Page on the World Wide Web. The Internet address is <http://www.epa.gov/region5/>.

Additional information about the Manistique site is available from Ms. Cheryl Allen (for community involvement-related information) and Mr. Jim Hahnenberg (for information related to technical site activities) at the addresses listed below.

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